



Rice Gleanings

THE RICE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
408 Division Street, Northfield, Mn 55057

Spring 1986

MEETING DATES

APRIL 17

A workshop on the cemetery records.
Proofreading and organizing the
3 X 5 cards.

May 15,

No prepared agenda, but come anyways
We will come up with something.

JUNE, JULY
AUGUST

Continuing work at Maple Lawn Cemetery
In Faribault. Dates and times to be
set in May 15 meeting

OFFICERS

President...Alice Nadeau
Sec-Treasurer... Carolyn Wille
Editor... Luana Bauer
Cemetery... Ed Durand

Meetings are held
the Third Thursday
at 7:30 pm in the
Lower Level of the
Scriber Building in
Northfield, Mn.
Sept thru May.

THE BORDER TOWNSHIPS OF RICE COUNTY
Le Sueur County

Le Sueur County lies to the west of Rice County. The township of Kilkenny was settled in 1856. A store was opened there by Dennis Doyle in 1857. The predominant ethnic group in her early settlement were the Irish. The Kilkenny township of Irish people lies next to the Irish settlement townships of Erin and Shieldsville in Rice County.

Lanesburg township was settled by the Germans and Bohemians. These settlers laid down claims as early as 1854. There was a Catholic Church and a German Lutheran Church within the borders of Lanesburg township.

Montgomery township was settled by a mixture of German, Bohemian and New Englanders. This township had two Catholic Churches in 1882. St. Micheal's Church in section 26 and another in section 7.

The Waterville township settlers came in from the South and the East, along with a varied mixture of Germans, Prussians, Austrians and Irishmen.

Dakota County

Dakota County lies to the north of Rice County. The Greenvale township was settled in 1854 by a Yankee population. Some early settlers anmes were Cloque, Gill, Kegg, Hodgson, Moore and Randolph.

Randolph, a village, was settled by John Richmond in 1854. Others came the following year and the first birth was Charles Kleeberg in 1856.

Randolph township, while not a border township of Rice County, was settled by people who came from the states of New York, Ohio, Wisconsin and Massachusetts. This area had a Methodist church.

Sciota township was settled about the same timew as her neighbors. The Mthodists, the Congregationalists, and the Free Will Baptist all had formed churches in this township.

Waterford township was founded in October of 1852 by a party of explorers; two of who later made claims. There are two cemeteries in the town, one known as the Red Rose Cemetery situated in the northeast corner of section 17. The other is the Oak Leaf cemetery in section 30.

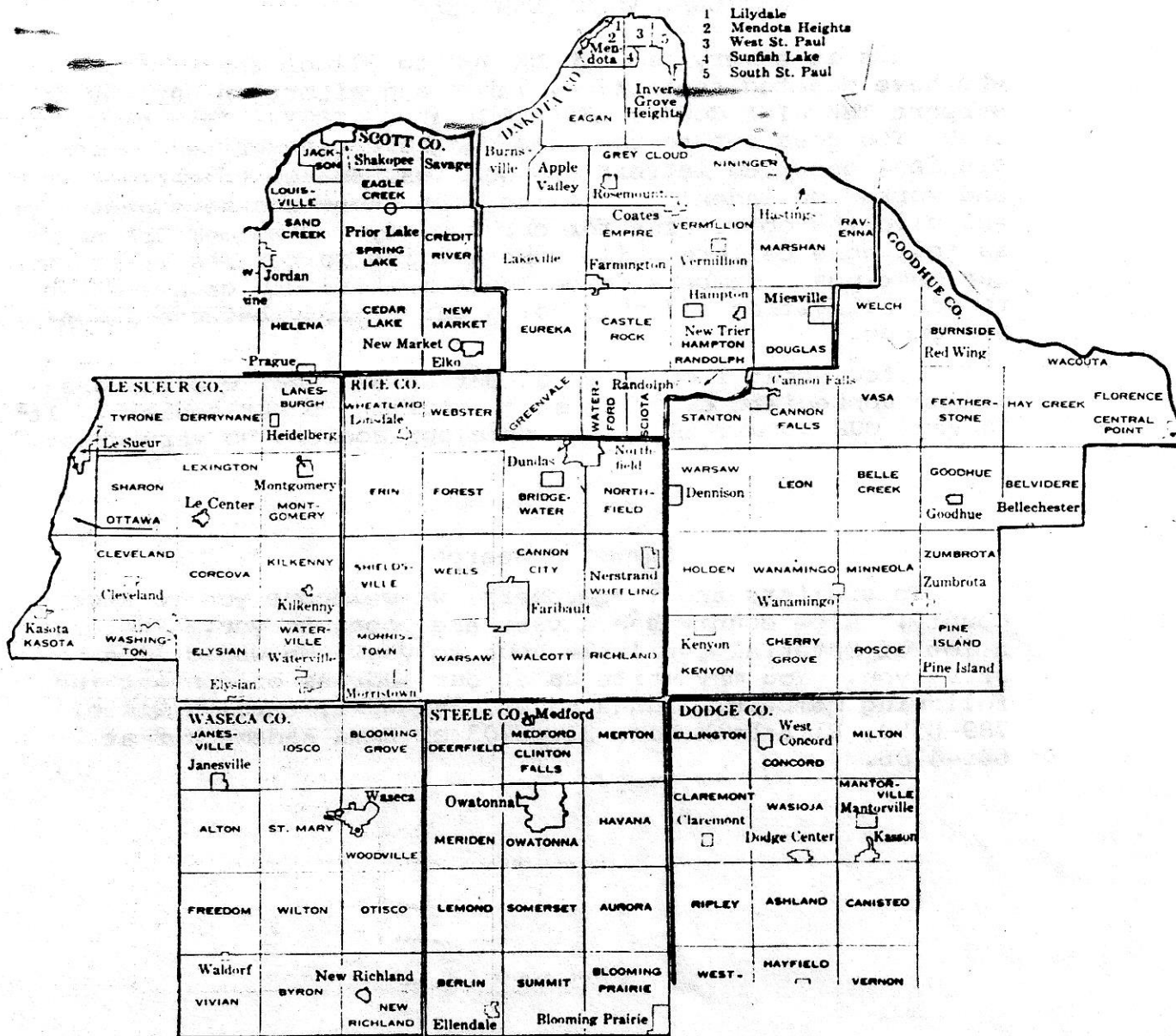
Waseca County

Waseca county lies to the sothwest of Rice County. Two township of that county border Rice County. The first is the township of Iosco. Iosco was organized in April of 1858. The first settlers were named Osgood, McDaniels, Wheeler, Wood and Welsh.

Blooming Grove Township was organized by a "Yankee" element. A German Methodist congregation held services as early as 1856. The Norwegian Lutherans built a church in section 19 in 1864 for the people in Iosco and Blooming Grove Townships.

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next time

DAKOTA COUNTY



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MARCH 3-9, 1986

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

This is a very big, THANK YOU to all of the members who have donated their time, labor and effort in any way to support THE RICE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY. This very, big THANK YOU goes out to the ones who have transcribed in cemeteries, answered letters and queries, shared research, typed, and worked on indexing. It includes those who save newspapers and clip the obituaries for our society. Some members serve as telephone callers while others bring coffee and treats to our meetings. Members drive those members who cannot drive to our activities and this helps our society because it enlarges our group.

I feel that I could go on but we all know who you are and we appreciate everyone's contribution to our society. It is you, OUR VOLUNTEERS, who make our society so very great.

Summer Research

To visitors and researchers, we welcome you to Rice County. Rice county has a vast area open to you. There is a lot of material available here to you. We would like to serve you. You may write us at our address or contact the following members: Luana Bauer, 789-6541, Carolyn Wille, 789-6359, Elizabeth Moe, 334-6703 or Emma Rademacher at 645-4786.

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